

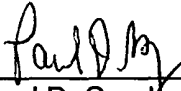
The claims have been amended to removed all multiply dependencies therefrom and to place them into proper U.S. format.

Consideration and allowance of application is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In The Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention relates to a~~A connecting device for providing an optical connection between an apparatus comprising a apparatus port and provided for receiving and/or sending optical signals, and at least one optical fiber comprising a connector. The connecting device comprises a support plate supporting at least one adapter. The adapter comprises an adapter contact adapted for a plug connection with the apparatus port of the apparatus, and a connector contact adapted for a plug and/or screw connection with the connector of the fiber. The support plate provides a grip for manually plugging in/off all of its adapters simultaneously into/from the respective apparatus ports.

~~(Fig. 1)~~

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

19. (Amended) A system for mounting a connecting device, said connecting device according to claim 1 adapted for providing an optical connection between an apparatus comprising a plurality of apparatus ports for receiving and/or sending optical signals, and at least one optical fiber being coupled to a connector, the connecting device comprises a support plate supporting at least two adapters, each adapter comprises an adapter contact adapted for providing a connection with one of the apparatus ports and a connector contact adapted for providing a connection with the connector, said system comprising:

- _____ at least two types of support plates adapted for different types and/or numbers of adapters, and/or

_____ at least two types of adapters adapted for different connectors and/or apparatus ports.